

## Message Text

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ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CPR-01 SS-15 NSC-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00

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R 270830Z OCT 76  
FM AMEMBASSY BERN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3413  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PFOR UR  
SUBJ: STEPANOV'S DEATH

1. WHEN I EXPRESSED REGRET TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TODAY  
AT THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION FOR THE DEATH OF  
SERGEI STEPANOV, THE AMBASSADOR THANKED ME FOR MY CONCERN  
BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE  
U S AUTHORITIES FIND THE ASSAILANT AS OUR SUCCESS OR FAILURE  
IN THIS REGARD COULD IMPORTANTLY AFFECT SOVIET-U S  
RELATIONS.

2. COMMENT: THIS SORT OF COMMENT FROM A SOVIET DIPLOMAT  
IS NOT VERY SURPRISING UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. I  
REPORT IT ON THE CHANCE THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S REMARK  
HERE IN BERN MAY REFLECT AN ORCHESTRATED SOVIET POSITION  
IN A NUMBER OF CAPITALS.  
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